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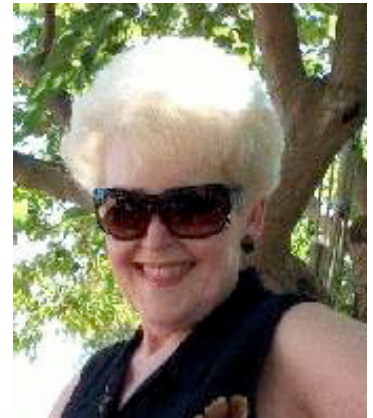
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FROM THE PREZ

February was a really good month. The VP6DX gave us all a lot of fun. For some of the long-time Dxers, Ducie was not a new one. But, the conditions were great and the total operating modes gave them a new challenge. And, for the “new kids on the block,” like me, Ducie was a new country and another “notch in my belt.” Last I heard, several of our club members had racked up a total of 17 contacts.



The new SCDXC board held its first board meeting. I can say that our club is in good condition, and we head into 2008 with our usual top-notch performance expectations. The board is eager and the Convention committee is rolling at top speed. One thing we still need is your nomination for Dyer of the Year and submittal for the Clipperton Award. The board has received nominations for both awards, but the process is still open. Do you have your reservations in? Do you have a room? For you late-starters, it's time to make your move.

February's general meeting was a “10” rating. Sharon Paquette, Tom N6OT's wife, put together a Valentine treat that was truly the best ever. She hand-made cupcakes and a heart cake. She provided nuts, chips, candy, and optional sodas with ice. How will we ever be able to follow that performance? The ladies raffle gifts, two \$75 gift certificates to Outback Restaurant, were won by Doris K6KSY and myself. Yes, that is two years in a row for me. I may be banned from entering next year.

Arnie Shatz N6HC and Bob Grimmick N6OX have left for the TX5C Clipperton Dxpedition. Their operating date is March 7 – 17. Hopefully, conditions will be as good as they were for Ducie. Expect to hear a presentation from one or both of our Dxpeditioners at one of our upcoming meetings. Good luck to all with your TX contacts.

Till next month, good Dxing! Sharon – K6IRD

WHY AREN'T WE FLOODED WITH NEW MEMBERS?

By Dave Bell, W6AQ

All of us DX Club members know that we belong to one of the greatest, perhaps *the* greatest amateur radio club in Southern California. It has been in that exalted spot for years. Maybe since it was founded, by some of the wildest California kilowatts who ever seared the ether and turned the heads of FCC monitoring stations. The club has tamed down a bit over the years, some would say matured, but it's still living up to its' unofficial motto: "Nothing Exceeds like Excess." This is a fun club. So why aren't potential new members beating down our doors?



At the February board of directors meeting, because our esteemed Secretary and retiring bulletin editor was asked a question by the ARRL that he couldn't answer (something like does our club welcome non licensed folks who may have an interest in ham radio into our midst?), your hard-working, pizza eating board decided that we probably weren't welcoming for wannabee hams, but began wondering aloud if we were welcoming for licensed hams who are (so far) non-DXers. Or, for that matter, are we even welcoming for DXers who for whatever reason are not members? Should we do some new member recruiting? How? We decided that some recruiting among the ranks of the general purpose ham clubs in the area might be a good start. Are there any latent or wannabee DXers out there in ordinary ham clubs whose hearts could take the excitement of the SCDXC? Of course there are. But we don't know who they are.

This is not a new subject. Recruiting of new members goes in cycles, something like sunspots, only more reliable. The recruiting cycle peaks about every 3 years or so if my memory serves. Maybe every five years. It's not that we don't have enough members, but just like the equipment in our shacks, we want more whether we need more or not.

The editorial in the March 2008 QST is sort of on this subject. Dave, K1ZZ, is a thoughtful guy, and this is his headline this month: "There has never been a better time to share your passion for Amateur Radio with your friends and family members!" He points out the many changes that have taken place in ham radio just in the last few years. He wants to get hams to re-introduce the hobby to non-hams who might get interested. He wants us to put an arm on the folks who say, "Amateur Radio, do they still do that?"

DXing has changed too. Ordinary hams (I've always called non-DXers and non-Contesters the "unwashed") who are happy just rag chewing, might think they know all about DXing, but do they really? Like everything else, DXing has changed a lot in the last few years and will be enhanced now that the sun spots are starting upward again (I've always been an optimist). Now is the time to introduce some of the unwashed to the Southern California DX Club members, meetings and activities.

I belong to only one non-DX, non-Contest club, and that's a repeater group spearheaded by Dick, K6VGP, known as DARN, the Disaster Amateur Radio Network, which is not only home to ARES but has Echo Link and some of the other newfangled things that I haven't yet taken time to figure out. What I know is that on Sunday mornings at 9:30, I'm part of 440 FM net that includes Mitch, DJ0QN from his QTH near Munich. In my book, that's DX. If I've shattered the soul of any purists, I apologize.

At the next DARN brunch, I'm going to see if any of these VHF/UHF guys would be interested in seeing what goes on at a SCDXC meeting, and if they would, I'll be happy to introduce them around. Quite a few of them are lowbanders and a few of them are DXers (Marty Woll, N6VI for instance), but few of them are SCDXC members. Why is that?

I'm going to find out. You could probably do the same.

Maybe we'll be flooded with new members. Some of them may even be younger.

As my mother used to say, "Couldn't hurt."



Here is a picture of Dave W6AQ checking the parts list on his brand new Elecraft K3.

You know the kit you don't need to solder.

Good luck. let us know how it all turns out.

FROM CQ MAGAZINE

This table lists all CQ-sponsored on-air competitions, including contest name, month in which it is held, weekend within that month, issue in which rules appear and issue in which results appear. In addition, all rules are posted on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, as are expanded results for the CQWW and CQ WPX contests and some previously published complete results. Some contest directors have their own web pages with additional information.

CQWW WPX / SSB	Mar	Last full wknd	www.cqwpw.com >
CQ National Foxhunting	May	2nd or 3rd full wknd	www.homingin.com >
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CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com > March

March 1 - 2 **ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)** [Rules](#)

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR AS A MEMBER OF SCDXC, YOU CAN APPLY FOR THE CLIPPERTON AWARD. See the web site for instructions.

Don't forget to nominate your best candidate for the DX ER OF THE YEAR

**Did I mention dues are due
hurry, still only \$18.00**

Every month goes by and I try to find something to say that's worth while. Last month was, I gotta find somebody to do this job. This month is, I gotta find someone to do this job. etc, etc. And what of next month? Ah, but we have more. Due are due. You need to get \$18.00 to Mel, K6SY. (quick, or the year will be over).



Something that needs to be said. If you want to continue to receive your newsletter, the Editor needs your valid e mail address. Several folks have recently (last 4 mo) changed their e mail address and not received their newsletter. I get letters and I reply, but I am not in your contact list so the server says I am junk. So now I am the bad guy. I used to search for new address but no more. Spam programs are being used more often these days and it becomes more difficult for the sender to get his mail thru. If your not receiving this I am not sorry. I TRIED.

The addresses that I use to send are: w6nrq@msn.com and w6nrq@mac.com I can receive mail from w6nrq@scdxc.org but I do not send from there.

Now to the latest and greatest. People say Cycle 24 is here but might not get it on till 20XX. I hope that the DXpeditions we had were good to you all.

Visalia is just around the corner so be sure to sign up. See Don, N6IC or the web page for info. <http://www.scdxc.org>

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W6RT

Got an e mail from Bill Mauzey's daughter Christine. She tells me that Bill, a long time member of the club is in a Nursing Facility in Thousand Oaks. He and his wife will be together. Christine tells me that they have been married 60 years.

I found this on our web site.

Bill Mauzey W6WWQ was Dx er of the year 1964.

Bill Mauzey, W6RT was DX er of the year 1982.

The only member to receive the award more than once.

To send a card: Christine will deliver

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Special Event Station

The 96th Anniversary of the Titanic Disaster

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Your club members have been invited to come operate with us in Branson, MO for the 96th Anniversary of the Titanic Disaster. Last year our press release hit 111 news wire services around the world in two days. This is an internationally recognized Special Event Station and here is a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate.

Icom is our official supplier of radio equipment. Last year we had two Icom 756 Pro III transceivers and two PW-1 amplifiers. If more HF stations are needed, Icom will supply us as many stations as needed. We have crank up towers with TA-33 beams, as well as, wire dipoles for the lower frequencies. There is room for all, hams and non-hams. We are in full view of the public between the Entrance and Exit outside the Museum. This is to honor the two brave wireless operators Jack Phillips and Harold Bride.

Please visit our website at www.w0s.org for more information and scheduling of operating times. All updates for this event will be on this website, so please visit often for new information. We would appreciate this announcement on your local nets and club website. If any questions, please feel free to contact me at waØsap@att.net.

Thank you from the “Titanic Four”

Dave “SAP” Beckler, WAØSAP, Al Gallo, WØERE, Rich Vogt, KB9YZE, and Rod Kittleman, KØADI

60 YEARS A HAM

A piece of trivia

My first license was Class 'B', W9EBZ, Winnetka, Illinois, 1948. (I can't find the original license but found my upgrade to Class 'A' from 1949.) I would have been 15 and a sophomore at New Trier High School in Winnetka. (Does anyone remember the Class A, Class B licenses?)

My next license was Class 'A', W9EBZ, 1949 in Winnetka.

Also received my First Class Radiotelephone and Second Class Radiotelegraph licenses in 1950.

Received Radio Officer US Merchant Marine License in 1950.

Next license was Advanced (automatic upgrade from Class A), WA6OGO, 1960 upon moving to California (back when you had to get call appropriate to state of residence).

Last license was K6OGO vanity call, 2004.

Presently hold FCC GMDSS Operator/Maintainer license; Second Class Radiotelegraph License and First Class Radiotelephone Certificate (I think because they changed the older radiotelephone licenses to certificates)

Only mentioning this because so many members talk about being licensed for 50 years. I can talk about being licensed for 60 years this Spring!!!

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7P8FC DXPEDITION TO KATSE DAM, LESOTHO

Belgium operators and members of the Radio Club Secunda from South Africa will be active from Katse Dam in Lesotho from 27 March 2008 to 3 April 2008. The TEAM is as follows: Filip / ON4AEO (previously operated 3DA0FC), Kath / ON7BK (previously operated 3DA0FC), Gert / ZS6GC (previously operated 3DA0FC), Sid / ZS5AYC, Lucas / ZS6ACT, Tom / ZS6TMO, Adele / ZR6APT, Edwin / ZS5BBO, Janet / ZS5JAN, Steffi and Elna.

The TEAM will be active on the following frequencies and modes:

MHz	SSB	RTTY	PSK
1.8	1.845		-
3.5	3.780	3.590	-
7.0	7.063	7.040	7.038
14.0	14.185	14.084	14.072
18.0	18.136	18.104	18.102
21.0	21.290	21.084	21.072
24.9	24.930	24.924	24.922
28.0	28.490	28.084	28.122

The TEAM will make use of the following radios:
Two Icom IC706's, one TS50, two FT857's, one FT707, one Icom IC720A, one TS120S and a HA 14 Heathkit with HA24 power supply.

The TEAM will make use of the following antennae:

A 40m ¼ wave vertical from GB Tower, a 80m ¼ wave vertical Spider Beam, on 10-15m a Spider Beam and on 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20m a Hexbeam. We will also be using a 3 element STEPPIR antenna with add on 40-30m. Listening antennae on 80m will be a K9AY loop and for listening on 40m we will use a dipole antenna. If antenna can be repaired in time we will have a Battle Creek Special for 160m and 80m (let's hold thumbs this comes about).

The QSL manager is ON4CJK. The direct address is: **José Duyck, Molenakker 56, 8740 Egem, Belgium.**

Further information on this expedition can be obtained by visiting our website at:
<http://www.7p8fc.be/index.htm>

We will also be active during the CQ WPX SSB contest.